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As has been well established (see <https://www.wsj.com/articles/germanys-dirty-green-cars-11556057770>), Driving A Tesla Results In More CO2 Than A Mercedes Diesel Car. Germany's worst industrial scandal in recent memory arrived when auto companies fiddled with emissions tests to make diesel cars seem greener than they are. A study shows, however, that electric cars touted as a diesel alternative also aren't so great for the environment.

The IFO think tank in Munich found that a popular electric car releases more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than a comparable diesel engine. The authors compared CO2 output for a Tesla Model 3 and a Mercedes C220d sedan. They calculated that the diesel Mercedes releases about 141 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometer driven, including the carbon emitted to drill, refine and transport its fuel. The Tesla? Between 156 and 181 grams.

Governments around the world, including in Salem, OR, stifle innovation by picking 'winners.' Let the market decide, and as always you will get a cleaner planet. Unlike places where Democrats have free reign and socialize every detail of human life, such as the downtowns in Portland and Seattle.